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### Free Fishing Day at Cooper Creek Reservoir

**Roseburg, Ore.** -- The seventh annual free fishing day event at Cooper Creek Reservoir near Sutherlin, Oregon on June 9, 2001 will be sponsored from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. by local organizations and agencies. State fishing licenses are not required on June 9 or 10, but other state regulations such as the five trout fish limit still apply. The Cooper Creek event coincides with National Fishing Week created to increase awareness and enjoyment of sport fishing.

A large number of trout from Rock Creek Fish Hatchery will be released in Cooper Creek Reservoir prior to the event. A limited number of fishing rods, reels, hooks and bait will be available for those who need them. Activities include a kids casting contest, a fishing pool for kids four years old and under, a trivia game and educational booth. For event information, contact Laura Jackson at (541) 440-3353.

In addition, the Umpqua Valley Bassmasters kids tournament will offer youth 7-17 fishing opportunities on Bassmasters' boats for 1½ hours. Sign up at Cooper Creek Reservoir the morning of June 9 will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. Participants must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian. Fishing equipment will be provided. Prizes will be awarded to winners of three age groups. Contact Roger at (541) 672-1416 (eve.) for more information.

Contributions and services are being provided by: The Umpqua Valley Bassmasters, the Umpqua Fishermen's Association, City Sporting Goods of Sutherlin, Abby's Legendary Pizza, Bi-Mart, and Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company. Local agencies involved include: the Douglas County Parks Department, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Umpqua National Forest, Roseburg District Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and the National Marine Fisheries Service.

Come one, come all and enjoy a day of free fishing for everyone.

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